Palestine

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 15th of July, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr.E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr.R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr.W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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esent : Acting
ntroller of
rmits.

2. The returns for the month of May of persons entering and leaving Palestine, were examined, and the question was reserved for further examination, after receipt of the figures for the month of June.

bacco Industry.
esent : Director,
partment of Cus-
ms, Excise and
ade.

3. A memorandum on the Tobacco Industry by the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, together with the minutes of two meetings of the Tobacco Committee held at the Governorate Haifa, on the 31st of May and 24th of June were discussed.

to a total not
exceeding 18,

It was decided to increase the number of Tobacco Field Officers, the number of the increase to be determined in consultation with the Treasurer and the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade, and that consideration of the further recommendations of the Tobacco Committee in regard to

(a) presumptive charge;
(b) the fixing of a minimum area to be planted with tobacco;
(c) Heisheh Tobacco,

should be deferred for reconsideration in the light of further experience of the working of the Tobacco Ordinance. The Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade was instructed to furnish figures establishing the proportion of loss to revenue due to smuggling and that due to evasions of the Excise Law.

It was further decided that Heisheh Tobacco should be treated as a separate question and that the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade should consider whether it should be regarded as tobacco or not.

The proposals /

The proposals for the increase of (a) the Preventive Force on the Eastern and Northern Border and (b) for the prohibition of the importation and sale of cigarette cartons and paper were rejected.

Board Report. ent: Director rtment of Public ks.

4. The minutes of the fourth meeting of the Road Board, and a memorandum on Jerusalem Arterial Roads by the Director of Public Works were discussed.

(a) Haifa Port.

The recommendations of the Board were approved.

(b) Jerusalem Arterial Roads.

It was decided that Government should assist the Municipality in the maintenance of the following arterial roads - Jaffa road, Hebron road, Jericho road, Nablus road (including extension from Damascus Gate to St.George's Cathedral). It was also decided that Government should contribute during the year 1926-27, on the certificate of the Director of Public Works, half the actual cost of re-surfacing and maintenance of these roads up to a maximum amount of £E.2,475, and that two rollers and bitumen plant should be purchased by the Public Works Department and loaned to Municipalities on repayment/for use on arterial roads.

t half the ordinary ates,

(c) Hedera Railway Feeder Road.

It was decided that this should be treated as a village road, and that Government assistance towards construction should be given by the loan of technical advice and tools, the free issue of blasting and culvert material and that the General Manager, Palestine Railways, should be instructed to cause the limestone metalling for surfacing the road to be transported by the Railways at cost price.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

25 July, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 20th July, 1926.

Present: His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary — Mr. E. Mills.
A/Attorney General — Mr. R.H. Drayton.
A/Treasurer — Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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2. A proposal to acquire an area of land of 200 dunums, in the neighbourhood of the proposed Railway Workshops Site at Haifa, at an approximate cost of £.4000, was discussed, and it was decided that at present sufficient grounds for acquiring this land did not exist, since the site was not immediately required.

t Railway / nance and Rules / ning the powers / he G.M.R.

3.(a) The draft Railway Ordinance and Rules defining the powers of the General Manager recommended in Mr. Anthony's report were considered, and it was decided that the following principles should be applied to the administration of the Palestine Railways :-

(1) The relations between the High Commissioner and the General Manager, shall be those subsisting between the Head of the Government and a department of that Government.

(2) The Railway Board shall possess capacities of an advisory nature, to be defined by the High Commissioner by Regulation, under the Railway Ordinance.

(3) The General Manager shall hold office as the head of a Government Department.

(4) His office and the administration of the department shall be subject to Colonial Regulations, and to the General, Financial and Stores Regulations of the Government of Palestine, for the time being in force, save in so far as express exemptions from those regulations may be made.

(5) The rules defining the powers of the General Manager shall not be made retro-active in effect from 1st July, 1920, but shall take effect from the date of publication.

(b) /

(b) The Acting Attorney General to re-draft the Ordinance and Rules, in accordance with the foregoing principles.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

24th July, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 24th July, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Exemption from Customs Duties.

2. Certain objections of the Director of the Department of Health to items included in the Notice giving exemptions from Customs duties to surgical and medical appliances, disinfectants and drugs, raw and prepared, published in the Official Gazette of the 1st of June; were discussed and it was decided :-

(a) that the words "Surgical and Dental dressings" should be added to paragraph 4 of this Notice; and

(b) that the other proposed amendments of the Director of the Department of Health should be reconsidered in six months time and steps should/then be taken to ascertain /before

(i) whether abuses of these exemptions, such as the unauthorised importation of dangerous drugs into the country had occurred;

(ii) whether a considerable loss of revenue had resulted in the importation of such disinfectants as are used in commercial processes.

Correction of Land Registers Ordinance.

3. A draft Ordinance amending the Correction of Land Registers Ordinance 1926, and regulations under the draft Ordinance, were considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.

28th July, 1926. HIGH COMMISSIONER.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 27TH JULY, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Village Roads Ordinance, 1926.

2. The Council considered a despatch dated the 16th of June from the Secretary of State on the subject of the draft Village Roads Ordinance. The following decisions were made :-

(a) Clause 2(a) : Definition of taxable inhabitant. Delete from "other than" to end of sub-paragraph.

(b) Clause 4(1)(b): Delete from "construction of" to end of sub-paragraph and insert after "made for the" the words "execution of such works".

(c) Clause 6 : The following sub-clause to be added:
"(2) If the number of taxable "inhabitants who have made the "notification mentioned in the "preceding section exceeds the "number of persons who can be "employed upon the works, those "taxable inhabitants who desire "to be, but cannot be, so em-"ployed, shall be exempt from "making the money contribution "mentioned in the preceding "section."

(d) Clause 9 to be deleted.

(e) Other amendments proposed by the Secretary of State to be accepted.

His Excellency/

His Excellency directed that the Secretary of State should be informed, with reference to the fourth sentence of paragraph 4 of his despatch, that it is not at present possible in Palestine to define the limits of a village.

tuity to estate the late George Khoury.

3. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, confirmed the grant of a gratuity of £E.725 to the legal personal representative of the late George Bey Khoury, Palestine Railways.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

2nd August, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 2ND OF AUGUST, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr.R.H.Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr.W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

rities Exemption m Customs Ordin- e.

2. His Excellency directed that the draft Charities Exemption from Customs Ordinance should be redrafted to provide for the payment of a deposit on the clearance of articles exempted by the Ordinance, to be refunded on proof being furnished of delivery to the charitable institution concerned.

migration Statis- cs.

3. The Council noted the immigration statistics for the month of June 1926 and His Excellency directed that, having regard to the existing unemployment, further particulars should be obtained with regard to the disposal of male and female immigrants admitted under category "C".

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

10th August, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 10TH [redacted]T, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
Acting Attorney General, Mr. R.H.Drayton.
Acting Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

[redacted]portation of [redacted]tle and Meat.

2. A proposal to exempt sheep and cattle imported for purposes of slaughter and frozen meat from payment of Customs duty was considered and approved. It was decided that a weekly report on meat prices should be furnished by District Commissioners for consideration at the weekly meeting of Executive Council.

It was further decided that the attention of District Commissioners should be drawn to Section 3 paragraph (ff) of the Vilayet Municipal Law of the 27th Ramadan, 1294, which lays down that it is the duty of a Municipal Council to take measures for the prevention of the cornering of goods; and that they should be instructed to encourage municipalities to make use of their powers under this Law as occasion demanded, with particular regard to the fixing of maximum meat prices.

[redacted]pply of Serum. Castle Plumer

3. Proposals for obtaining an emergency supply of serum were considered and it was decided that :

(a) an enquiry should be made from the Egyptian Government as to the minimum quantity of serum which they would be prepared to supply regularly to this Government and the amount of the guarantee required by them;

(b) a telegraphic enquiry should be made from the Secretary of State as to the possibility of obtaining serum at cheaper rates from other sources.

[redacted]ve - Casual [redacted]ployees.

4. A proposal that all casual employees should be granted 7 days leave in respect of each year's service in the manner laid down for unclassified employees in General Regulations Chapter 2 Section 6, Regulation 9, was considered and it was decided that the General Regulations should be revised to provide the grant of such leave at the discretion of Heads of Departments and in accordance with departmental regulations.

[redacted]resent/ General [redacted]nager, Palestine [redacted]ilways, Director, [redacted]pt. of Public [redacted]rks and Postmaster [redacted]neral.

It was /

It was further decided to [redacted] General Regulations in order to remove inconsistencies in regard to the use of the term casual employee and to make provision for religious observances by officers subject to exigencies of public service.

The Chief Secretary to draft instructions to carry these decisions into effect.

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[illegible]sent : General [illegible]nager, Palestine [illegible]ilways.

5. A proposal to recommend the grant of a pension to the dependents of the late Mr.Ilie and Faris Hezayan of the Palestine Railways was considered and it was decided that the proceedings of the enquiry were in some respects obscure but that no act of omission on the part of Mr. Ilie contributed to the accident causing his death and Faris Hezayan was acting as a subordinate and it was further decided to recommend to the Secretary of State the payment of the pensions and gratuities which could be made under Section 19(2) of the Palestine Pensions Ordinance.

[illegible]ise duty on [illegible]tches.

6. A proposal to impose an Excise duty on matches was considered and it was decided that such a duty should not be imposed at present.

[illegible]emption from [illegible]stoms duty of [illegible]ertain educa- [illegible]ional institu- [illegible]ions.

7. Recommendations for the exemption from Customs duty of certain educational institutions were considered and approved subject to investigations in regard to certain individual institutions by the Director of Education.

[illegible]ffa Municipality: [illegible]nicipal Park.

8. A proposal for the payment of a grant-in-aid in the amount of £.6000 to the Jaffa Municipality, to provide for the payment of compensation for the expropriation of land for the Jaffa Municipal Park, was considered and it was decided that this sum should be advanced as a loan to the Municipality repayable in three equal annual instalments, commencing from one year from the date on which the loan is made, with interest at 5% per annum.

[illegible]ad Board [illegible]roceedings.

9. The proceedings of the 5th Meeting of the Road Board, held on the 4th of August, were laid before the Council who observed as follows :-

(a) It was decided to request the Road Board to consider again the question of the Hadera Village Road and to submit specific recommendations in this regard.

(b) It was noted that the census of traffic now being prepared by the Director of Public Works would prove of guidance (i) in determining the amount of municipal contributions to the upkeep of roads, and (ii) the share of municipalities in the revenue derived from Road Transport Licences.

(c) A definite recommendation should be furnished by the Board in regard to the width of the proposed Jaffa-Petah-Tikvah Road.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[illegible]August, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 17TH AUGUST, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
Attorney General, Mr.N. de M.Bentwich.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Determination of Jerusalem Municipal Area.

Present: District Officer, Jerusalem.

2. The proposed boundaries to delimit the Jerusalem Municipal Area were considered and it was decided that a further meeting between representatives of the District Commissioner, the Municipality and the outlying suburbs, which it had been proposed to exclude for the present from the municipal boundaries, should be convened, in order:

(a) to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of these quarters; and

(b) in the event of the Municipality being unable to agree to their inclusion, to afford an opportunity for giving an explanation of the reasons for their decision.

Remuneration of Mukhtars in connection with Tobacco Cultivation.

3. A proposal for the grant to Mukhtars of remuneration for duties undertaken by them in connection with the declaration of areas under Tobacco cultivation and other assistance to Tobacco Excise Officers at a rate corresponding approximately to P.2 per dunum of land assessed, was approved in principle.

The Acting Treasurer to consult with the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade, as to the exact method of calculating and paying this remuneration.

Pension and Gratuities to the Dependents of the late Suleiman Abdel Wahab, Palestine Railways.

4. The recommendation to the Secretary of State of the grant of a pension to the widow of the late Suleiman Abdel Wahab, a porter of the Palestine Railways, killed in the exercise of his duty while coupling two trucks, in the amount of £.10 per annum, was approved and also the grant of the following gratuities to his two children :

To his son Hasan aged 11 £. 4.
To his son Nimr aged 8 £.13.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

24th August, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Thirty-First Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 24th August, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner, Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.
Attorney General, Mr.N.de M.Bentwich.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Cattle Plague.

2. Memoranda from the Director of the Department of Agriculture and from the Commandant of Police on the present situation in regard to the cattle plague were considered; and it was decided that in cases of prosecution for offences against the Ordinance, application for the confiscation of the stock should be made to the magistrate by Veterinary Officers.

A proposal by the Director of Agriculture to establish a cordon across the Northern District, by the agency of volunteers, in order to restrict the movement of cattle and prevent the spread of the plague to the Northern portion of the district, was approved.

Exemption of Cars from Customs Duty.

3. It was decided to exempt cars from the payment of Customs Duty on importation by including them within Section 6 of Schedule I to the Customs Duties Exemption Ordinance 1924.

Regulations under Section 4 of the Banderolle Ordinance, 1926.

4. It was decided to amend Section 4 of the draft Banderolle Ordinance by an addition in the following terms :

"(d) The circumstances in which a retail dealer may open and dispose of the contents of a container duly banderolled."

The promulgation of the bill should be deferred until the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade shall have notified the Government of the arrival of the necessary Banderolles.

Regulations /

Regulations under Section 4 of the amended Bill including provision as to the sale of single boxes of matches, were considered and approved for publication simultaneously with the Order promulgating the Ordinance.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

31st August, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

Held at the Government Offices

on the 31st of August, 1926.

Present:- Lord Plumer.
Mr. E.Mills.
Mr. N.Bentwich.
Mr. W.J.Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

EISE DUTY ON CHES. 2. The proposal for the imposition of an excise duty upon matches was reconsidered, and reserved for further consideration in October next.

sent:Director, t.of Customs, ise & Trade.

MPTION OF GAZ FROM CUSTOMS S. 3. The proposal for the exemption of Gaz Oil from Customs Duty was considered and it was decided that the Director of the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade should be authorised to exempt this oil as included within the term "Solar Oil" employed in the Schedule to the Customs Duties Exemption Ordiname.

sent:Director, t.of Customs, ise & Trade.

The Chief Secretary to endeavour to ascertain from the trade a generic term to describe all heavy fuel oils of which exemption from duty was intended under the Schedule to this Ordinance.

ITION TO SE 5 OF THE ULATIONS UNDER PASSPORT DINANCE. 4. An addition to Clause 5 of the Regulations under the Passport Ordinance to substitute a fixed and uniform fee of P.10 for the grant of return vises to this country to persons permanently resident in Palestine, in lieu of the reciprocal visa fees hitherto in force, was considered and approved.

5. Colonial Office despatch Confidential 'B' dated

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the 17th of August regarding a proposal for the restoration of the Elective Character of Municipalities, was read. It was decided:

(1) That Palestinian Citizenship must be a qualification for an elector.

(2) That members of communities should be free to vote for candidates from communities not their own.

(3) The question of sectarian elements within communities was left for further consideration.

(4) The question of filling vacancies by bye-elections was considered and reserved.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE ROAD BOARD.

6. The proceedings of the 6th Meeting of the Road Board held on the 30th of August, 1926, were considered and in general the various points raised were reserved for further consideration.

The Attorney General to consult with the Director of Public Works in regard to the application of the provisions of the Width and Alignment of Roads Ordinance.

It was further decided that the Hederah Railway Feeder Road should not be described or treated as a village road; and that the Colony should be given the loan of roller and tools, the free issue of blasting and culvert material and such technical assistance as may be necessary and a grant from Government for the cost of carriage of the limestone required for the construction of the Road. The Railway to be required to bear the cost of this grant.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Signed) G. S. SYMES

7th September, 1926. OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Thirty-[illegible] Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 7th September, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. de M.Bentwich.
Mr. W. J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

[illegible]tes of the Sixth [illegible]ting of the Road [illegible]rd.

2. A list of roads to which it is proposed to apply Section 4, sub-paragraph 1 and Section 5 of the Width and Alignment of Roads Ordinance, 1926, submitted by the Road Board in its sixth meeting, was considered and approved, subject to the addition of the municipal area of Jenin to the areas to be excluded from the operation of the Ordinance.

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3. A proposal to revive a system existing under the old Ottoman Law, whereby a creditor who applied for his debtor's imprisonment was called upon to pay for the expenses of his imprisonment at a fixed daily rate, was considered and reserved for further consideration. The matter to be referred back to the Chief-Justice with a request that he obtain the views of the Presidents of District Courts, and resubmitted to Executive Council when these views have been obtained.

[illegible]tra mural employ-[illegible]nt of prisoners.

4. A proposal to introduce the system of extra mural employment of prisoners was considered and approved in principle.

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The matter to be referred back to the Commandant with a request that he submit a detailed scheme indicating the precise manner in which the system would operate; and resubmitted to the Council when this scheme shall have been obtained.

Regulations under the Pensions (Ottoman Service) Ordinance, 1926.

5. Regulations under Section 4 of the Pensions (Ottoman Service) Ordinance were considered and passed for publication.

Exemption of Educational Institutions from Customs duty.

6. A proposal to exempt certain schools from Customs Duty was considered and approved, subject to reconsideration of the proper title of the institution described as the "Palestine Textile Industry Manor Co."

Hebrew Technical Institute, Haifa.

7. A proposal to charge the Hebrew Technical Institute, Haifa, with transfer fees in respect of the registration of the site of the Institute in its name, calculated upon the original purchase price, instead of the present market value of the land, was considered and approved in principle, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Signed) G. S. SYMES

Officer Administering the Government.

14th September, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. de M.Bentwich.
Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

bacco Amendment dinance.

2. An amendment to the Tobacco Ordinance, 1925, to include tombac within the definition of tobacco given in Section 2 of the Ordinance was considered and approved.

A further amendment to Section 37(2) to establish a fixed fine of £.3 for the offence of being in possession of contraband tobacco, instead of a fine not exceeding £.3, was discussed and reserved for further consideration.

The Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, to furnish specific instances in which the existing penalty had proved insufficient, and to consider whether a fixed fine of a lower amount would not be sufficient. The matter to be resubmitted at the meeting of Executive Council to be held on Tuesday the 21st September.

ithes Commission eport.

3. The Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee appointed to consider what measures could be taken in advance of Land Settlement to replace the existing system of collection of tithe by the collection of revenue on an annual assessment for a term of years, and the comments thereon of the District Commissioners, were considered and it was decided to submit the Reports together with these observations to the Colonial Office and to request the Secretary of State for permission to publish a slightly censored version of the Reports in order to gauge the attitude of public opinion in Palestine towards the proposals of the Committee.

Ordinance to alidate the Rutenrg Concession.

4. A draft Ordinance to validate the Rutenberg Concession was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State, subject to the substitution in the final line of Section 5 of the words "Chief Justice" for the words "High Commissioner".

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Signed) G. S. SYMES

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

21st September, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. L. Mills.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. W.J.Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

bacco(Amendment) dinance, 1925.

2. An amendment to Section 37(2) of the Tobacco Ordinance 1925, to establish a fixed fine for the offence of being in possession of contraband tobacco, was further considered in the light of more detailed information furnished by the Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade, and it was decided to fix a minimum fine of £5.1.

esent: Director, partment of Customs, Excise and rade.

The Attorney General to draft the necessary legislative amendment.

stoms Exemptions Charitable Institutions) Ordinance.

3. The draft Customs Exemption (Charitable Institutions) Ordinance was considered and withdrawn for further reference to the Attorney General in regard to the amendment of the third column of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

unicipal Franchise rdinance.

4. The draft Municipal Franchise Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Advisory Council.

orkmen's Compensation Ordinance.

5. The draft Workmen's Compensation Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Advisory Council.

revention of Intimidation Ordinance.

6. The draft Prevention of Intimidation Ordinance was considered and passed for submission to the Advisory Council.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 136th Meeting.

(Signed) G. S. SYMES

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

28th September, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY [redacted] MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 28TH SEPTEMBER,1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. W.J. Johnson.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

toms Exemptions aritable Insti- ions)Ordinance.

2. The draft Customs Exemptions (Charitable Institutions) Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

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3. It was decided to recommend to the Secretary of State the compassionate grant of a gratuity in the amount of £.400 to the estate of the late Dr.Mossauba, the equivalent of one year's pensionable emoluments, calculated in accordance with Section 18 of the Pensions Ordinance, 1920.

This sum to be divided according to the Civil Law of Intestate Succession laid down in the Succession Ordinance, 1923, in equal portions of £.200 each between the wife and father of the deceased.

erias Baths ession.

4. The Tiberias Baths Concession was considered and it was decided that Government should receive annually from the Concessionaire the sum of £.3000 of which £.500 is rent for the State Domain leased; the sum of £.2,500 to be utilised as follows:-

(1) £.500 to Wakf Administration
(2) £.2000 to Tiberias Municipality.

In addition the Government have the duty of making a grant to local education.

al Upon Informa- n (Amendment)Or- ance.

5. An Ordinance to amend the Trial Upon Information Ordinance, 1924, with respect to the Civil trial of members of the Forces was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State subject to the deletion of Clause 5.

The Attorney General to give an undertaking not to lodge an appeal against the acquittal, on trial by a Civil Court, of a member of the forces. The reasons for adopting this decision to be explained in the despatch accompanying the draft Ordinance to the Colonial Office.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 137[illegible] Meeting.

(signed) G. S. SYMES

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

[illegible] October, 1926

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1926.

Present : Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. E. Mills.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S. S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Death Sentence on Fayad Ibrahim Khalil.

2. The Death sentence on Fayad Ibrahim Khalil was confirmed.

Death Sentence on Hashem el Haj Hassan Ibraim.

3. The Death sentence on Hashem el Haj Hassan Ibraim was confirmed.

Grant of Pension and Gratuities to the dependants of the late Deeb Khalil.

4. A grant to the dependants of the late Deeb Khalil, a platelayer in the service of the Palestine Railways, killed in a run-away of ballast trucks, of pension and gratuities in the following amounts, in accordance with Section 19(2) of the Pensions Ordinance, was approved:-

A pension to the widow, Fadda bint Musa el Ibrahim, while unmarried and of good character, of £.10 per annum.

Gratuities to the two daughters, Hida and Ghanima (aged 4 years and 2 years) of £.11 and £.13 respectively.

Payment of Pensions to Ottoman Sanitary Personnel.

5. The question of the continuance of the payment of pensions to Ottoman Sanitary Service personnel in Palestine was discussed, and it was determined that a final decision should be deferred and the existing arrangement maintained, pending further investigations by the Treasurer in regard to the previous service of the pensioners, and whether the amounts of the pensions were reasonable.

The matter to be resubmitted at the next meeting of the Council.

Leave to unclassified employees.

6. The grant of leave to unclassified employees was considered and an amendment to Leave Regulation No.9 on Page 28 of General Regulations to the following effect was adopted:-

"Heads of Departments may grant to unclassified "employees such short leave of absence as the "exigencies of the service may admit at the "rate of 7 days in respect of each year of "service, but such leave shall not be cumula-"tive to a total of more than 14 days."

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"For purpose of this Regulation, the term "unclassified employee" includes employees "on daily wages who have been employed continuously for at least one year."

Decision on the question of payment for official and religious holidays was deferred.

The correspondence on this subject to be laid before a Committee containing representatives of the Post Office, Public Works Department, the Railways, Treasury, and Secretariat.

Homeward Passages Government Officials

7. A proposal of the Secretary of State that the homeward passages of Government officers should be booked by Government in appropriate cases, in order to take advantage of the Confidential rebate granted by the P. & O. Steamship line, was considered and decision deferred pending investigation as to the number of officers who actually travelled by the P. & O. line during the past year.

Minutes read and confirmed at the Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

15th October, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 13TH OCTOBER, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S.S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

emption from Taxa-
on (Religious and
aritable Institu-
ons and Government
partments) Ordin-
ce, 1926.

2. The draft Exemption from Taxation (Religious and Charitable Institutions and Government Departments) Ordinance 1926, was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

nsular Customs
Privileges.

3. The maintenance of the privileges in respect of Customs dues enjoyed under the Ottoman Law by Consuls was discussed, and it was decided that these privileges should no longer be maintained, but should be substituted by the right of Consuls de carrière to bring in their personal effects and furniture free of Customs duty, and for all Consular Officers to bring in free of duty office furniture and requirements. The privileges under Ottoman Law should be maintained, however, in the case of the present holders of Consular posts in Palestine.

ding Boards:Amend-
t to General Re-
ations.

4. Draft Regulations in substitution for the existing Regulations 37 - 40 in regard to sites for new Government buildings, were considered, amended and approved.

velling Expenses
Officers on first
ointment.

5. An amendment to Regulation 4(a) Section 7, Chapter X of General Regulations, to provide for the grant of free transport on first appointment, to officers appointed locally, was approved.

stitution of a
mittee of Execu-
e Council to en-
re into the con-
t of Amastas Ef-
di Hamasia.

6. It was decided to send a telegram to the Secretary of State requesting approval for the appointment of Mr. Justice Webb as an extraordinary member of Executive Council for the purpose of constituting a Committee of the Council to enquire into the conduct of Amastas Effendi Hamasia.

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nsions to Ottoman Sanitary Personnel. Palestine.

7. It was decided to continue the payment of the present monthly pensions to Ottoman Sanitary personnel in Palestine, and to regard the sums received from the liquidation Commission in Constantinople in commutation of these pensions as reimbursement.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 139th Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

15th October, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 19TH OCTOBER, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S.S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Grading of Senior Service.

2. The proposals for the regrading of Senior Service officers of the Government were considered and it was decided that revised grades and salaries on the lines approved by the Secretary of State, should be adopted as from the 1st October, 1926.

The Treasurer to submit a memorandum dealing with various points of detail, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

...sion to the widow of the late Dr. T. ...auba.

3. It was decided that the widow of the late Dr. T. Mossauba be advised to apply to the Courts to be appointed Administrator of Dr. Mossauba's estate, and that she should receive on this condition an advance of £.20 recoverable from any gratuity ultimately payable to her.

...tradition Agreements between Egypt ...d Palestine, and ...ria and Palestine.

4. The draft Extradition Agreements between Egypt and Palestine and the draft Ordinance to give effect to the Agreement between Syria and Palestine, were considered and approved for submission to the Secretary of State, subject to certain amendments.

...ficial Building ...ramme.

5. It was decided to defer consideration of the official building programme until after a preliminary investigation had been made. The Chief Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Public Works to be requested to submit their recommendations to the Council in due course.

...nsions to Dessuky ...dours and Mohamed ...deen.

6. The grant of pensions to Dessuky Kadours and Mohamed Ramadan in the amounts of £.10.950m/ms per annum and £.7.300m/ms per annum respectively, calculated under Section 11(1) of the Pensions Ordinance 1926, was approved.

...endments to the ...gulations under ...e Ports Ordinance, ...6.

7. An amendment to paragraph 12 of the Regulations under the Ports Ordinance, to provide for the issue of monthly licenses, under Section 9 of the Ordinance, to labourers employed in the area of the port, was approved.

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rganisation of
its Section.

8. The affiliation of the Permits Section to the Police, as approved by the Secretary of State in his despatch Confidential B of the 9th of September, was discussed. It was pointed out by the Attorney General that the proposed scheme was open to certain objections.

His Excellency the High Commissioner decided that the affiliation should be carried out; actual experience would show whether or not it was in the main advantageous.

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izenship.

9. An amendment to Article 23(e),(g) and (h) of the Schedule to the Palestine Citizenship Order-in-Council 1925, to reduce the fee payable for the acquisition of Palestinian Citizenship from P.100 to P.50 was approved.

Minutes read and confirmed at the Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

26th October, 1926.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT
1925-26

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Fortieth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 26th October, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S.S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

rial by Court rtial of service rsonnel in Pales- ine.

2. The position resulting from the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown that Palestine is not a place within His Majesty's Dominions within the meaning of Section 41(e) of the Air Force Act, was considered, and it was decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that steps be taken to amend the Act, so as to make it apply to Palestine in like manner as it applies to a Colony.

lectricity Ordin- nce.

3. The draft Electricity Ordinance, 1926, was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State subject to the substitution of the word 'for' for the word 'and' in Section 3(e).

mendment of Sec- ion 38 of Tobacco rdinance, 1926.

4. The addition of a section to the draft Tobacco (Amendment) Ordinance, amending Section 38(1)(b) of the Tobacco Ordinance, to make it an offence for a person to have in his possession banderolles which have been used, was approved.

eave and Passage llowances.

5. Proposals to amend the present system of leave and passage allowances were considered and it was decided :-

(a) that vacation leave should continue to be granted at the present rate;

(b) that half pay leave should not normally be granted in excess of 18 months on full pay in respect of a period of three years' service, except in cases of ill-health or other special circumstances when commuted leave may be granted more frequently than once in three years and within the limit prescribed in the present regulations.

(c) that casual leave should continue to be granted at the present rate;

(d)/

(d) that free return railway warrants over the whole of the system administered by the Railway Department should be granted once a year to all officers whether proceeding on vacation or casual leave, the privilege to extend to an officer's family not exceeding four in number;

(e) that the views of individual members of the Council, in regard to the proposed alterations in the system of granting assisted passages, be obtained and submitted, in tabular form, to the next meeting of the Council.

emption from Customs Duties:Society r the Prevention Cruelty to Animals.

6. The exemption from Customs Duty of the following articles imported by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was approved:-

Uniforms .
Badges.
Humane killers .
Cartridges for Humane killers .
Movable lethal Chambers.
Disinfecting equipment (rubber gloves, white jackets, sprayers.) .

A Notice adding these items when imported by the Society to the Schedule to the Customs Duties Exemptions/1924, to be laid before the next meeting of the Council.

/Ordinance

cquisition of Site or new Railway Station at Tel-Aviv.

7. It was decided that capital monies were not available for the immediate acquisition by agreement or expropriation of the site for the proposed railway station at Tel-Aviv.

It was further decided to consider reserving the site by payment of a percentage of the expropriation price under the Town Planning Ordinance.

evised Gradings: enior Service.

8. A memorandum by the Treasurer regarding the revised scheme of gradings for Senior Service officers, was considered and it was decided:-

(a) (In connection with the introduction of the new currency): to continue scales of salary and rates of expatriation allowance at the figure in Palestinian pounds at which they stood in Egyptian pounds prior to the introduction of the new currency, and, in addition, to grant to each officer an allowance equal to the difference between the values expressed in Palestinian pounds of his total emoluments before and immediately after the introduction of the new currency.

personal and pensionable

Officers/

Officers to be warned that, on being promoted or on passing beyond the salary which was their maximum salary prior to the 1st of October, they would enter a scale expressed in Palestinian pounds, but would cease to draw any special or personal allowance, and, where necessary, would be dealt with in accordance with Colonial Regulation No.81.

(b) To substitute two grades E and F for the single Grade E originally proposed.

(c) To recommend to the Secretary of State the increase of the Expatriation Allowance for British Officers in Class III from £E.50 to £E.75.

(d) That the incremental step for all Officers in Class III should be £E.10.

(e) That the Director of the Department of Surveys should be placed in Grade D.

...an to Palestine ...lectric Corpora-...on.

9. A proposal, recommended by the Advisory Committee under the Trade Facilities Act, that His Majesty's Government should guarantee the principal and interest of a loan of £.250,000 to be granted to the Palestine Electric Corporation, was considered. It was decided that there was no objection, in principle, to such guarantee being given.

The Attorney General to submit an explanatory memorandum.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 141st Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

2nd November, 1926.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT
1926+27

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Forty-First Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 2nd of November, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenant-Colonel G.S.Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S.S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Assisted Passages. 2. It was decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that assisted passages continue to be granted to Government Officers in accordance with the existing Regulations, subject to the following amendments :

(a) Officers of Class 2 and under to be eligible for assisted passages;

(b) Assisted passages to be granted every three instead of every four years.

Consular Privileges. 3. An Ordinance to provide for the exemption from Customs duty of furniture and personal effects imported by Consuls de carrière, and of office furniture and requirements imported by all Consular Officers, was considered and approved for submission to the Secretary of State subject to the substitution in Section 2(c) of the word "staff" for the word "office".

Imprisonment for Debt. 4. It was decided not to adopt a proposal to revive the system existing under the old Ottoman law whereby a creditor who applied for his debtor's imprisonment, was called upon to pay for the expenses of his imprisonment, at a fixed daily rate.

It was however considered that some change in the existing practice was required, and that an endeavour should be made to secure / some of the objects of the proposed amendment by an adjustment of the draft Execution Law.

The question to be referred back to the Chief Justice.

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pensation to the w of the late Mohamed Idris.

5. An ex gratia payment of £E.50 to the widow of the late Haj Mohamed Idris of Taybeh Village, Ramallah Sub-District, a village ghaffir, killed while assisting the police, was approved.

se Duty on hes.

6. It was decided that an excise duty of PT.5 per gross should be imposed on matches, to take effect as from the beginning of the financial year 1927.

mption from toms Duty of al Flumes.

7. Exemption from Customs duty of all pipes and flumes imported for ~~drainage or~~ irrigation purposes, was approved. The importer to pay the Customs duty as a deposit on importation. This deposit to be refunded on the production of a certificate from a District Commissioner that all the pipes and flumes had been used for bona fide ~~drainage or~~ irrigation schemes.

The Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade to advise whether any adjustment in the existing Customs tariff were possible in order to compensate for the loss of revenue involved.

ft Criminal cedure(Supple- tal Provisions) inance.

8. Sections 2(2) and 17 of the draft Criminal Procedure (Supplemental Provisions) Ordinance were considered, and it was decided to retain these sections as drafted, subject to an amendment in Section 17.

ema and Stage orship.

9. Recommendations of the Central Censorship Board for establishing a Censorship Board for dramatic and operatic as well as cinematographic performances, and regulations dealing with the powers of the Board, licences, fees, etc., were considered and approved, subject to the following amendments:-

(a) The Deputy District Commissioner, Jerusalem, to be Chairman of the Board.

(b) In Districts, the District Commissioner to decide, when necessary, as to the suitability of plays or operas.

(c) (i) the fee for stage and circus performance licences should be PT.50;

(ii) the fee for cinema film licences should be PT.25.

(iii) the payment of licence fees might be waived in the case of exclusively charitable performances, certified to be such by a District Commissioner;

the Attorney General to draft an Ordinance to carry these proposals into effect, for submission to Executive Council.

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Planning e.

10. It was decided to engage Mr.Holliday, Civic Adviser, Jerusalem, as Technical Adviser in matters of town planning, to the Central Town Planning Commission, on contract, at an annual retaining fee of £E.300 with travelling allowances.

It was further decided that Municipalities should pay, according to a scale of fees to be drawn up, for special services rendered to them by the Adviser.

stone quarry-

11. Regulations under Section 93 of the Mining Ordinance 1925, to transfer the control of limestone quarrying outside Municipal Areas to the Department of Agriculture and Forests, were approved.

lations under Municipal chise Ordin-

12. Draft Regulations under the Municipal Franchise Ordinance were considered, amended and approved.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 142nd Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

9th November, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council
One Hundred and Forty-Second Meeting
Held at the Government Offices
On the 9th November, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenant-Colonel G.S.Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S. S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Tel-Aviv Council Law.

2. The addition of a paragraph to the Bye-law of the Local Council of Tel-Aviv dated the 14th September, 1925, concerning the observance of the Jewish Sabbath, to limit the hours during which restaurants may open on the Sabbath was approved, subject to the substitution of the word "may" for the word "shall" in the second line.

Assignment of Ordinance.

3. Consideration of the draft of an Ordinance to make provision for the assignment of a claim by a creditor was deferred pending further reference to the Chief Justice.

Assisted Passages.

4. A proposal that the homeward passages of Government Officers, entitled to assisted passages, should be booked by Government in appropriate cases in order to take advantage of the Confidential Rebate granted by the P. and O. Steamship Line, was withdrawn for further consideration.

The Treasurer to submit a memorandum in the light of complete statistics as to the total number of assisted passages granted in 1925, and the number of officers entitled to them who travelled by the P. and O. Line.

Road Board Report.

5. The minutes of the seventh meeting of the Road Board were considered. It was decided that :-

(a) the Haifa Afuleh Road is not a road towards the construction of which Government assistance should be given. If however the American Zion Commonwealth cared to consider an alternative road connecting the settlements, the grant of assistance as given to village roads ~~might~~ would be considered.

(b) /

(b) when the new ferro concrete bridge over the river Auja on the Sarona Sheikh Muanis Road is completed, the existing pontoon bridge at the river crossing should be sold to the Tel-Aviv Local Council on liberal terms.

anent Cadre: or Service.

6. The Report of a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr.E.Mills and proposals of the Treasurer in regard to the permanent and pensionable cadre of the Clerical Service were considered.

It was decided:

(a) that the following scales of salary suggested by the Treasurer should be recommended:

Grade I.		£E.300-10-400
Grade II	(a)	£E.240-10-280
	(b)	£E.200-10-240
Grade III	(a)	£E.140-10-180
	(b)	£E.100-10-140
Grade IV		£E. 60- 6- 90

(b) that women be confined to particular classes of employment such as stenographers and typists, and any differentiation between the salaries of males and females be thus avoided by restricting the latter to particular grades.

(c) that the recommendation of the Committee, that female officers be retired on marriage, receiving a gratuity proportionate to the number of years service given by them, be adopted.

(d) that 17 years be the minimum and 23 years the maximum age for admission to Grade IV.

(e) the question of making the clerical staff of the Law Courts a closed service was reserved for further consideration.

(f) that the Chief Secretary, Attorney General and Treasurer be constituted a committee, which would consult with Heads of Departments as required, for the purpose of determining the personnel who should be retired as a preliminary to the formation of a permanent and pensionable cadre for the clerical service.

(g) /

(g) that a Promotions Committee, composed of the Chief Secretary, Treasurer and the heads of three principal departments, to sit once every quarter, be constituted, to make recommendations to the High Commissioner in regard to the officers to be promoted in the higher grades.

An interim despatch to be sent to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 142nd Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

16th November, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Forty-Third Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 16th November, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenant-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S.S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

...hes Excise ...dinance.

2. The draft Matches Excise Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

...sent: Director, ...pt. of Customs, ...cise and Trade.

...th sentences on ...ed Rashid and Mo- ...mad Ali Abu Rashed.

3. The sentences of death passed on Abed Rashid Abu Rashed and Mohammad Ali Abu Rashed by the Courts were confirmed.

...e for Hadassah ...spital, Haifa.

4. Proposals for the lease of a plot of Government land at Haifa to serve as a site for a hospital of the Hadassah Medical Organisation were deferred for further consideration.

His Excellency directed that there should be ascertained (a) the capital value of the land in question, and (b) the present rental value of the plot.

...rrency Notes ...dinance.

5. The draft Currency Notes Ordinance and the draft Order in Council to provide for the standard of currency, received from the Secretary of State, were considered by the Council. The draft Ordinance was accepted subject to the insertion of a new Section dealing with the imitation of currency notes based on English Law.

His Excellency directed that the views of the Attorney General, with which the Council concurred, with regard to the necessity for further provision in the Order in Council should be referred to the Secretary of State.

It was suggested by the Treasurer that, following the ordinary practice, the Order in Council should relate solely to coinage and not to currency notes.

nicipal Franchise
dinance.

6. Memoranda from the Vaad Leumi, Agudath Israel and the Democratic Party, Nablus, proposing certain amendments to the draft Municipal Franchise Ordinance, were considered.

With the exception of the suggestion made by the Vaad Leumi that the High Commissioner ~~should~~ may appoint one or more vice presidents of a Council, and the suggestion of the Democratic Party, Nablus, that the Ordinance should more clearly indicate that the term of office of a Municipal Council was three years, none of the proposed amendments were accepted.

In the same connection it was decided that the suggestion emanating from the Secretary of State to number ballot papers, so as to enable the vote given by any elector to be determined on a scrutiny, was impracticable for the present.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 144th Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

23rd November, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 23RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

Present : Lord Plumer.
Lieutenent-Colonel G.S. Symes.
Mr. N. Bentwich.
Mr. S. S. Davis.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

...seases of ...imals Ordinance.

2. His Excellency, with the concurrence of the Council, approved of the terms of a rule, under Section 19(c) of the Diseases of Animals Ordinance, 1926, to check prohibited movements of animals in tribal areas.

...ve to unclassi-...ed employees.
...esent : D.P.W.
G.M.R.
A/P.M.G.

3. The Council considered proposals for the grant of vacation leave to unclassified employees.

His Excellency directed that draft amended regulations on the subject should be prepared for further consideration.

...ganisation of ...ilway Posts and ...legraphs Workers.
...esent : D.P.W.
G.M.R.
A/P.M.G.

4. The Council considered the question of granting official recognition to labour organisations for departmental workers in Palestine. The matter was reserved for further consideration.

...stoms Ordinance.
...esent : D.C.E.T.

5. The draft Customs Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

...th Sentence of ...ssan Taha El ...ustapha.

6. The sentence of death passed on Hassan Taha El Mustapha was confirmed.

...gulations under ...e Municipal ...anchise Ordinance.

7. Draft regulations under the Municipal Franchise Ordinance were considered, amended and approved.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 145th Meeting.

(Signed) G. S. SYMES

for HIGH COMMISSIONER.
(Absent on duty.)

30th November, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 30th NOVEMBER, 1926.

Present : Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

th Sentences Abed Rashid Mohamed Ali Rashid.

2. The Council considered petitions requesting that the death sentences on Abed Rashid Abu Rashid and Mohamed El Haj Abu Rashid should be commuted to terms of imprisonment.

The Council were unable to make a unanimous recommendation.

th Sentence Hassan Taha Mustapha.

3. The Council considered petitions asking for the reprieve of Hassan Taha el Mustapha and decided that there were no grounds for recommending the application.

nicipal Franise Ordinance.

4. Draft amendments to the Municipal Franchise Ordinance prepared by the Attorney General were approved.

doorie Bequest.

sent: Director Public Works.
rector of Agriculture & Forests.
rector of Lands.

5. The Council considered certain proposals submitted by the Director, Department of Agriculture and Forests, with regard to the Kadoorie Bequest.

The Director of Agriculture expressed the view :-

(a) that a sum should be capitalised in order to provide for the endowment of the schools;

(b) that the erection of the farm building at Tulkarem should take precedence over the residential buildings.

The Director of Public Works was instructed to complete plans and estimates for the building of the school at Tulkarem as soon as possible. The Director of Lands was instructed to proceed with the expropriation of the selected site at Tulkarem and the Director of Agriculture to continue negotiations with the Palestine Zionist Executive with regard to a site for the Jewish School.

The Treasurer pointed out that any proposal to construct buildings on land to be held on leasehold will require the prior approval of the Secretary of State.

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ised Senior vice Grading.

6. The terms of a circular regarding the re-grading of the Senior Service were approved.

h Sentence on Hussein Saleh.

7. The sentence of death on Ali Hussein Saleh was confirmed.

ns-Jordan Fron-r Force (Amend-t)Ordinance.

8. The draft Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (Amendment) Ordinance was amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

rganisation of blic Works partment.

9. The Council considered proposals for the reorganisation of the Department of Public Works and decided that, before any conclusion could be reached, it would be necessary to ascertain from the Director of Public Works to what extent the additional staff applied for could be obtained on a contractual basis.

lestine Board of gher Studies.

10. The Council decided that in principle there was no objection to officers of the Government receiving fees for services rendered to the Palestine Board of Higher Studies in connection with the Matriculation Examinations, provided that :-

(a) the amount of the Government grant is not exceeded;

(b) the fees paid do not exceed the rates approved by the Government.

nsorship of blic Performances rdinance.

11. The draft Censorship of Public Performances Ordinance was amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 146th Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

7th December, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 7TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Present: His Excellency the High Commissioner.
Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

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1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

perial Defence.

2. His Excellency read to the Council semi-official correspondence relating to the position of Palestine and Trans-Jordan in any Imperial Defence Scheme.

nsions (Amendment) dinance.

3. The draft Pensions (Amendment) Ordinance was passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

ndarmerie Pensions rdinance.

4. The draft Gendarmerie Pensions Ordinance was passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

and Settlement. resent: Sir Ernest owson.

5. Sir Ernest Dowson made a statement to the Council with regard to the progress made in the Land Settlement scheme.

ustoms Exemption.

6. His Excellency with the concurrence of the Council approved of the exemption of cork wood from the payment of import duty.

ecognition of abour Organisations.

7. The Council considered (a) whether the Railways, Posts and Telegraphs Workers Union should be recognised by Government and (b) the conditions Labour Organisations might be required to fulfil prior to Government recognition being granted.

As regards (a) it was decided that the Union in its present form should not be given further official recognition.

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As regards (b) it was decided that in order to qualify for official departmental recognition a Labour Organisation should fulfil the following conditions:-

(i) that it is founded on constitutional lines;

(ii) that its members belong to a single departmental and include the majority (over 50%) of employees in the class or classes it purports to represent;

(iii) that no person not an employee in a class represented is admitted to membership or holds office in the Organisation;

(iv) that matters on which the Organisation may approach the Government be limited to terms and conditions of employment and conditions under which the employees work.

Guidance of Currency Officer.

8. The Council approved of the terms of draft rules for the guidance of the Currency Officer and Agent at Jerusalem.

The following decisions were taken in respect of specific points raised by the Treasurer:-

(a) the duplicate keys of the Agent and Currency Officer to be deposited in a bank, other than the Agent's and the Chief Secretary's office respectively.

(b) The Government to provide a special Police Guard over the strong room.

(c) The Auditor to be requested to undertake personally the audit of books and accounts of the Currency Officer. The question of special remuneration for the service to be considered.

Responsibility for the Custody of Currency.

9. The Council considered certain points raised by the Currency Officer with regard to the responsibility for the Custody of Currency.

The Council/

The Council decided that as the Agents were not prepared to accept full responsibility for the custody of currency, it should be suggested to the Currency Board that some reduction in their remuneration should be made.

The Council decided that any loss due to causes over which the Agents have no control, such as burglary and fire, should be borne by the Currency Reserve Fund and not charged against the revenues of Palestine.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

14th December, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 8TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Present: High Commissioner.
Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

Municipal Franchise (Amendment) Ordinance.

Present:
District Commissioner Northern District.
District Commissioner Southern District.
Deputy District Commissioner, Jerusalem.

1. The draft Municipal Franchise (Amendment) Ordinance was considered and passed for consideration in Advisory Council.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

14th December, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Present: High Commissioner.
Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

Currency. 1. The terms of a Memorandum relating to currency were approved.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

14th December, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The minutes of the 146th, 147th and 148th Meetings were read and confirmed.

Railway Ordinance. Presents: General Manager, Palestine Railways.

2. The Council heard the observations of the General Manager, Railways, on the draft Railway Ordinance. The draft was reserved for further consideration.

Officers Guarantee Fund.

3. The Council considered whether an Officers Guarantee Fund should be constituted and deferred taking a decision pending the receipt of further particulars.

Electricity Ordinance.

4. Amendments to the draft Electricity Ordinance proposed by the Attorney General were approved.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

21st December, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON THE

15TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Present: Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

Lease to Haifa Bay Development Company
Present: Director of Lands.

1. The terms of a draft lease to the Haifa Bay Development Company were considered by the Council.

2. The Director of Lands informed the Council that there were no claims or rights whatever in respect of the Government Land it was proposed to lease.

It was decided :

(a) that the rental should be 8% per annum of the capital value of the land, taken at PT.50 per dunum;

(b) that provision should be inserted for the reassessment, after a period of 10 years, of the value of land used for building or industrial purposes; the value of land used for afforestation purposes to be reassessed after a period of 20 years.

The lease when amended to be re-submitted to the Council.

Railway Ordinance.

2. The draft Railway Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

1st December, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council
One Hundred and Fifty-First Meeting
Held at the Government Offices
On the 21st December, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

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1. The Minutes of the 149th and 150th Meetings were read and confirmed.

rsing Sisters
nsions Ordinance.
sent: Director,
pt. of Health.

2. The draft Nursing Sisters Pensions Ordinance was amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

natorium at Beth-
hem.
sent: Director,
pt. of Health.

3. The Council heard the proposals of the Director, Department of Health with regard to the suggested establishment of a sanatorium at Bethlehem by a Swedish Society.

nsion to Mother
Ramadan Mohamed.

4. The Council decided to recommend the grant of a pension of PT.50 per mensem to the mother of a certain Ramadan Mohamed, an employee of the Sinai Railways, killed in the execution of his duty.

dth and Alignment
Roads Amendment
rdinance.

5. The draft Width and Alignment of Roads Amendment Ordinance was passed for consideration in Advisory Council.

nutes of Road
ard.

6. The Council read the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Road Board.

blic Guides
rdinance.

7. The draft Public Guides Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 152nd Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F.M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

29th December, 1926.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 23rd DECEMBER, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

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ights and Measuresl. dinance.

1. The draft Weights and Measures Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

atorium at thlehem.

2. The Council decided that in the event of the Swedish Society establishing a Sanatorium at Bethlehem the Government could not assist by making a grant in aid, but would, under certain conditions, meet the charges for a limited number of Government patients who were unable to pay the fees.

His Excellency instructed that the Swedish Consul should be informed accordingly.

vil Service sociation.

3. The Council considered representations from members of the Junior Service with regard to their admission to the Civil Service Association, the membership of which was at present designed to be confined to the Senior Service.

The Council decided that the provisional approval of the formation and constitution of the Association should be withdrawn on the ground that since the approval was given, the Government had recommended the abolition of the distinction between Senior and Junior Service and the Association, if formed, should cover the Civil Service as a whole.

lestine Salt mpany.

4. The Council decided that, in view of the representations made by the Palestine Salt Company and in consideration of the benefit of the Company's drainage works to the country, the previous decision taken in Council with regard to the protection of the industry should be modified and the Customs Import Duty fixed at PT.300 per ton and the Excise Duty at PT.200 per ton for a period of two years.

nicipal Courts' dinance.

5. The draft Municipal Courts Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 153rd Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

29th December, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 29TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner.
Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

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1. The minutes of the 151st and 152nd Meeting were read and confirmed.

Municipal Government.

2. The Council considered a memorandum on Municipal Government in Palestine submitted by Mr.Mills. It was decided to transmit the memorandum to the Secretary of State with a general endorsement subject to certain reservations with regard to the proposals made for the regulation of Town Planning and the constitution of an Advisory Municipal Board. Copies to be circulated to Heads of Departments and District Commissioners.

Arterial Roads.

3. The Council approved the recommendations made by the Road Board at its 8th Meeting with regard to the contributions to be obtained from various Municipalities towards the maintenance of arterial roads passing through municipal areas. The expenditure of the Government share of the cost of maintenance was approved, conditional in each case on the municipal contributions being forthcoming.

Municipal Boundaries.

4. His Excellency with the advice of the Council approved the Municipal Boundaries of Jaffa, Gaza and Ludd. The Municipal Boundary of Ramleh was reserved for further consideration.

Deputy District Commissioners Powers Ordinance.

5. The draft Deputy District Commissioners Powers Ordinance was considered and passed for consideration in Advisory Council.

Workmen's Compensation & Prevention of Intimidation Ordinances.

The Council considered comments received from various bodies on the draft Workmen's Compensation Ordinance and draft Prevention of Intimidation Ordinance. Certain amendments were approved and His Excellency directed that the Ordinances as amended should be promulgated.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 154th Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.
5th January, 1927.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 30th DECEMBER, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner.
Chief Secretary.
Attorney General.
Treasurer.

Government Building Programme.

1. The terms of a draft despatch to the Secretary of State on the subject of the Government building programme were approved.

Minutes read and confirmed at the 155th Meeting.

(Sgd.) PLUMER, F. M.
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

5th January, 1927.